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Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that the examiner review the information disclosed herein in detail, independently evaluate each item carefully in the consideration of the pending claims, and return an initialed copy of each form to the undersigned practitioner.

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